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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Cy A. Stein et al.
Serial No. : 10/002,884 Examiner: J. Schultz
Filed : November 2, 2001 Group Art Unit:1635
For : PEPTIDES THAT DELIVER ANTISENSE
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November 3, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

COMMUNICATION CONFIRMING THAT OCTOBER 3, 2003 OFFICE ACTION HAS
BEEN VACATED

This Communication is submitted to confirm an October 28, 2003 telephone conference between Examiner J. Douglas Schultz of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and Brian Amos of the undersigned's office in which Examiner Schultz advised that the Office Action issued October 3, 2003 in the above-identified application has been vacated and that a new Office Action will be issued within two weeks of the date of the telephone conference because a 'Unity of Invention' standard (PCT Rue 13.1, 13.2, and 13.3) has been erroneously applied to the claimed subject matter.

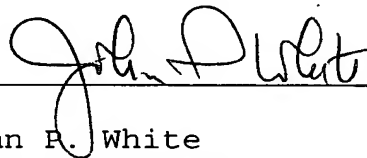
Based on this telephone conference, applicants are taking no action with respect to the October 3, 2003 Office Action. Please contact the undersigned if there is any misunderstanding on our part with respect to this matter.

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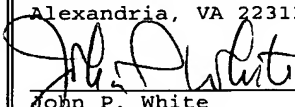
If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. If any other fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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